(ख) उड़ीसा राज्य सरकार को सलाह दी गई है कि वह गहराई से पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव मूल्यांकन अध्ययन करें।

(ग) और (घ) फिलहाल ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Running of cars on compressed Natural Gas

3606. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to promote cars running on compressed natural gas in order to avoid pollution in cities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Yes, sir, Government have approved a pilot project of the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and the Indo Burma Petroleum (IBP) Co. Ltd. This project covers conversion of 220 petrol driven vehicles on an experimental basis. Out of these, 20 vehicles will be converted by the IBP Co. Ltd. in Tripura and in Assam; and, 200 vehicles by the GAIL, out of which the majority will be converted in Delhi and the remaining in Bombay and in Baroda. Some Cars have been recently converted in Delhi and are running on compressed natural gas (CNG).

Delhi Committee on Environment

3607. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Committee of Environment is denuded of adequate scientific advice since two Scientists have been withdrawn by the Centre;

(b) if so, whether the Delhi Committee has succeeded in making a dent for improvement in pollution conditions in the city; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi is the most polluted city in the country and the official measures have yielded only marginal effect so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Delhi is not the most polluted city in India. The Central Pollution Control Board has reported that the ambient levels of suspended particulate matter is higher than in most other cities because of the heavy vehicular traffic, emissions from the industries and natural dusty conditions. The ambient levels of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide are well within the prescribed ambient air quality standards.

The following achievements have been effected :

(i) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has reported that of the industrial units discharging their effluents in Yamuna, 42 have a discharge volume greater than 25 kilolitres per day. Of these ten are in the public sector.

(ii) As reported by the CPCB, all the large and medium units except Rajghat Power Plant, have already taken adequate steps to control their effluent and emissions to the prescribed standards.

(iii) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have initiated action to augment their treatment facilities from its present capacity of 1400 million litres per day to about 2250 million litres per day by the end of the Eighth Plan period.

(iv) Out of the three thermal power stations, Indraprastha Power Station and Badarpur Thermal Power Station are complying with the prescribed standards. Only Rajghat Thermal Power Station is not complying with the standards.